

LANSING TALKS FREELY ABOUT MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Carranza Government Reported as Steadily Gaining in Power and Prestige.

SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED

Obregon's Resignation Not for Purpose of Starting Trouble—Villista Movement Broken—Secretary Pleased With Bonillas' Message.

NEW YORK, May 11.—David Lawrence, Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post, sends the following story to his paper:

He is said to the credit of Secretary Lansing that he discussed foreign matters with the correspondents to-day with frankness. If he continues as informative as he was to-day, there will be little cause for complaint about the channels of news.

The Secretary of State unburdened himself particularly about Mexico, which has been one of the subjects on which only fragmentary information and scattered impressions have been hitherto obtainable. Mr. Lansing's outpouring was a comprehensive survey of the political and economic conditions which shows quite clearly that things are on the mend in Mexico, and that the Carranza government is steadily gaining in power and prestige.

Mr. Lansing began by stating that confirmation had been received of the resignation of Alvaro Obregon as Minister of War, and its acceptance by President Carranza. Mr. Obregon asked to be relieved of his command as general of the northeastern division of the army, but his resignation was not accepted. Previous telegrams to the State Department, Mr. Lansing explained, have told of General Obregon's poor health and desire to retire to private life. The general, who distinguished himself by his successive defeats of the Villa army when it was an organized force of considerable size, lost his right arm in the battle of Celaya, and has not been in good health since. His arm has been troubling him since, and his nerves have been so shaken that he does not feel equal to a day's work at the War Office. At any rate, all the stories of an intention to start trouble for Carranza now have been thoroughly disproved. There is, indeed, no organized opposition to the Carranza government in Mexico to-day.

Villista Movement Broken.
The Secretary of State spoke of the situation in Northern Mexico as having undergone considerable improvement. He said the Villista movement had been broken up, and that only a few bandits remained. General Salazar, one of the chief malcontents, having been killed in battle, the Villista movement has been broken up. Trains, too, are running between Juarez and Mexico City for the first time in four years, and railroad traffic on other main lines has been conducted with more regularity than heretofore.

Mr. Lansing was asked to what he attributed the favorable change in conditions. He thought the success of the Carranza troops in the north and the assumption of commercial processes had been a great stimulus. He believed, too, that a friendlier feeling prevailed between the Mexican people and Americans. Especially was this noticeable in Northern Mexico. The Secretary expressed the opinion that throughout Mexico many of the thinking people had come to look more favorably on the United States, especially since the declaration of war by this country against Germany and alongside the entente allies. Always has there been a friendly feeling for Americans among the masses of Mexicans, Mr. Lansing remarked, but, due to domestic unrest in Mexico, it had not had the opportunity to show itself.

Asked about the embargo on arms, Mr. Lansing said this had not yet been raised. Owing to the need of all munitions for the prosecution of the war with Germany, exports of war materials to all countries not now aligned against the central powers will be greatly restricted.

Pleased With Bonillas' Statement.
Mr. Lansing was also much pleased with the public statements of Ambassador Bonillas regarding the operation of Mexico's neutrality. The Secretary was inclined to think, too, that the recent efforts of the United States to suppress agitators on the border and others who would conspire against the Mexican government under the protection of American territory had produced a favorable impression in Mexico. So, also, had the disposition of the state Department to lift border rumors and to deal fairly with the whole Mexican problem.

Ambassador Bonillas is taking a great deal of interest in the international situation, and plans to urge upon state officials the importance of having every available acre of ground tilled. Not only would this mean a good market for Mexican products with high prices that would assist in the financial renaissance of the Mexican farmers, who have lost so much through the revolution, but it would give employment for the thousands who hitherto have joined revolutionary armies for lack of anything else to do.

The ambassador today refuted the impression which some dispatches have given that President Carranza has asked for continuous dictatorial powers over the finances of the government. He requested stipends only to June 30 of this year, in order that a budget may be made which can be submitted to the Congress for the period beginning with the new fiscal year, July 1.

Financial reorganization is proceeding much better than had been expected. An American is now in Mexico City making a survey of financial conditions for the benefit of an American group of bankers. This may lead to the invitation by Mexico to the American bankers to send a committee to discuss financial needs as well as arrangements for the facilitation of commercial exchange between the two countries. No loans can be made without the approval of Congress, and although definite negotiations have not been begun, the gradual improvement in the political and economic condition of Mexico tends to bring nearer the day when confidence in Mexico's position will be such as to enable her to float a loan in this country on favorable terms.

Royal Society Packages



The extent of assortments represented in this Sale of Stamped Goods is made very apparent when you consider that seventeen special tables have been provided by the Art Goods Buyer for the proper display of the various articles. The Royal Society Packages consist of Children's Wear, Towels, Novelties, Bags, Waists, Dressing Sacques, Boudoir Caps and many other articles equally desirable. Save as follows:

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- 40c Articles for 27c
- 50c Articles for 33c
- 65c Articles for 49c
- 75c Articles for 59c
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4-inch 19c Ribbons

Choose from all Silk Moire Taffeta and Plain Taffeta Ribbons, every yard 4 inches wide and worth 19c. 12/2c for 49c.

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UNIQUE in its plan, the Buyers' and Managers' Sale is the one selling campaign of the entire year when the store is turned over to and managed by the heads of the various departments, the object being to allow the creation of friendly rivalry in an effort to determine which buyer can provide our patrons the greatest amount of timely Bargains.

THOSE who profited by the Buyers' and Managers' Sale of last year still entertain living recollections of the gala spread of Bargains that distinguished the sale at that time, and with this fact in mind you will return to enjoy the same advantages now that proved so very compelling. Each and every department is actively represented.

A Hint at the Silk Specials!



The first special value that deserves mention is a showing of 40-inch new Crepes de Chine, in a complete calendar of street and evening shades which, regardless of former prices, will be sold to-morrow, per yard \$1.29.

Special 36-inch Colored Taffetas

The best possible quality, worth to \$1.59 a yard, is represented in the latest colors, featuring a good luster and a weight in general demand. We shall also include a few pieces of Gros de Londres. Buyers' and Managers' Sale price \$1.29.

Crepe Meteors and Foulards

Simply because the assortment is somewhat broken you may now obtain the 40-inch widths, worth to \$2.50 a yard, in solid tones of Reseda, Tan, Brown, Light Blue and Lavender at \$1.49.

Beautiful Chiffon Prints

First, take into consideration the all-embracing collection of patterns—Floral, Striped and Cluster designs, including domestic and imported creations; worth \$3.75 a yard, for only \$1.50.

Regal Longcloth, Monday, per Piece

Isn't this a wonderful opportunity? A chance to secure the standard 36-inch Chamois Finished Regal Longcloth, ready for the needle, in full pieces of 10 yards each, for 89c.

39c Chiffon Voiles at 29c. Choose from Plain Weaves, Cord Stripes and Checks; 40 inches wide, yard 29c.

45c New Novelty Skirtings. Corded effects, 36 inches wide in rich ivory white, with wool finish 35c.

Silk and Cotton Georgette Crepe, yd

50c a yard is the standard price for these beautiful Crepes, delineating a soft, sheer material of all-silk warp and mercerized cotton filling, suitable for street or evening wear. Buyers' and Managers' Sale price to-morrow 39c.

Rich Figured Tussah Silks. Newest printings on Tan, Gold, Navy and Green grounds; 36 inches wide 69c.

25c Mercerized Poplins. Plain and self-color stripes, in latest street shades and Black. Monday 18c.

\$1.50 Huck Towels, Monday, Doz. \$1.15

Don't overlook the size, 18x36 inches, and the beauty of the red borders. At this saving these will be sold only by the dozen. Very special, 12 for \$1.15.

Bleached Bath Towels. Notably heavy and very absorbent. 22x44 inches; 25c values, at \$2.00 12 for \$2.00.

\$5.00 Sunbleach Napkins. These are all linen and come in five choice designs, 22x22 inches. Dozen \$3.98.

White Enamelware, 69c

All this White Enamelware is of first quality, and the price advertised is less than present factory cost. Choice of the following pieces:

- 14-quart Dish Pans
- 10-quart Water Pails
- 3-quart Rice Boilers
- 3-quart Coffee Pots
- 6-quart Berlin Sauce Pot
- 8-quart Berlin Sauce Pot

A Special Electric Iron

Six-pound size, as illustrated, with the heating element guaranteed for 19 years—solid complete with a detachable cord and plug; worth \$4.50, for \$2.98.

Combination Garden Hose

Fifty feet of guaranteed hose, a hardwood reel and an adjustable brass nozzle will be sold complete \$5.75.

Special Water Tumblers

Thin Blown Table Tumblers, regularly 60c a dozen, will be sold very special at 45c for \$5.40.

Special Water Sets

Who will not hurry to obtain one of these beautiful sets, featuring clear, brilliant cuttings on heavy glass. The 4-pint Pitcher and Six Tumblers to match at the Buyers' and Managers' Sale price of only \$4.98.

25c Laces Now 15c

The showing includes Val. Laces, Edges and Insertions, in French and Round thread meshes, at, per dozen 15c.

10c Venice Picot Edges

Choice of White, Cream and Ecru, very special 7c.

Washable Blond Nets

The Buyers' and Managers' Sale offers the 72-inch width special at, yard 50c.

10c Dress Fasteners

White, perfect snaps, always 10c a dozen, sizes 000—0—per dozen 5c.

SEA SHORE HATS that are exact copies of \$1.50 and \$2.00 hats, made of good rubber and shown in beautiful combinations of color, for 50c.

DIXIE Hair Pin Cabinets, containing 400 assorted Wire Hair Pins 10c.

Fresh Water Pearl Buttons

Small and Medium sizes that will wash perfectly, will be sold at, dozen 3c.

OCEAN PEARL BUTTONS, in desirable large sizes, suitable for Wash Skirts and Sport Suits; worth to 65c a dozen—4 and 6 on a card, at, per card 10c.

VERY SPECIAL: A lot of 36-line, fine grade Ocean Pearl Buttons; always worth 65c and 75c a dozen, at 12 for 50c.

Very Special Corsets

You will be elated to know that we have taken such well-known brands as Thomson's Glove-Fitting Corsets, The American Lady, Nalda and Warner models, in latest styles, with four and six rose supporters; worth \$1.10, for \$1.50.

\$4.00 H. & W. Brassieres

Choose from all sizes to 18, extra special 79c.

Special Bust Corset

Made of pink net, in all sizes to 44. Standard 50c values for only 37c.

Men's Percale Shirts

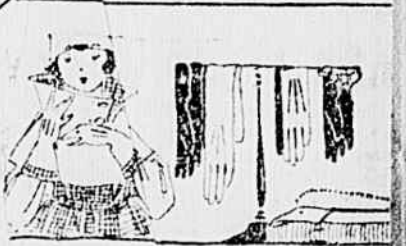
Good \$1.00 values, with laundered cuffs, but simply because they show handling the lot must be disposed of at 50c.

Poros Knit Union Suits

Desirable weights for immediate wear—short sleeves and ankle length. Usual 85c values, for 69c.

Bleached Jean Drawers

Men will note that these are provided with the lastik seap; worth 65c, for 44c.



\$1.50 Silk Gloves at 75c

Every pair shown with double fitting and you have choice of Bl. White and washed colors. 10-button length, for only 75c.

\$1.75 and \$2.00 Silk Gloves

Stylish embroidered backs, 16-button length, in this sale Monday 95c.

Black Sateen Linings

No over 50 pieces of these Black Sateen Linings will be sold at, yard 1c.

Women's 69c Union Suits

Shown in summer weightisle, sleeveless, with loose knee, very special 3c.

Women's Swiss Ribbed Vest

\$1.50 values, neatly finished with hand-embroidered tops, half price, at 75c.

Glove Silk Union Suits

An incomplete size range, but may choose from Flesh and White, worth \$5.00, at \$3.00.

\$1.00 Lisle Union Suits

Made of mercerized lisle, trimmed with lace 6c.

\$1.29 Scrim Curtain

Finished with lace edges and stitched alongside and bottom. Choice of White, Ivory and Cream, 2 1/2 yards long, per pair 2c.

Fillet and Novelty Nets

Plain effects, Striped, Black Colonial patterns, in White, Ivory and Cream; worth 35c a yard, for 25c.

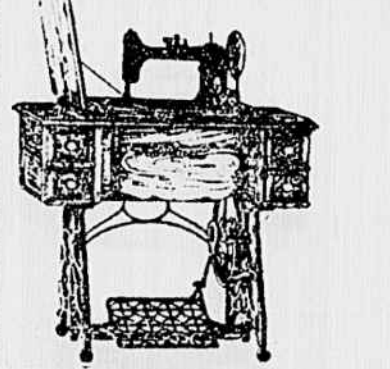
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Sewing Machines--New Models

Believing that he will stand very good possibilities of carrying away laurels in this great contest, our Sewing Machine Chief announces a sale of the world's foremost Sewing Machines at prices every woman is bound to make note of—the newest and latest models with all the desirable attachments and features at prices that are elevated when you stop to consider the easy-payment plan and the fact that these opportunities come right when a Sewing Machine is most useful.

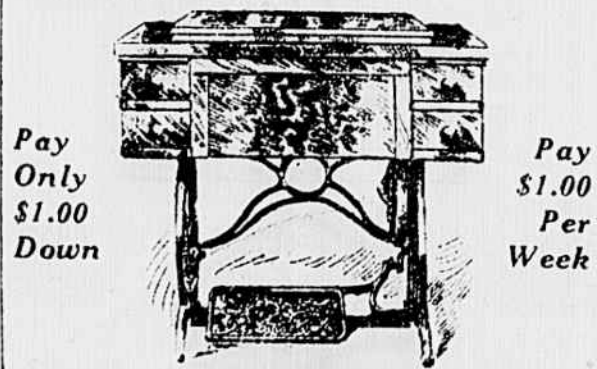
The Regular \$30 "Grant" At \$19.50

This model is made by the makers of the famous "Domestic." Drop-head style, in golden oak case, with all tools and attachments. Automatic lift. To make a good offer still better, we include a \$1 hem-stitcher free with each machine.



The Regular \$40 "Domestic" At \$31.50

Enclosed in handsome Golden Oak case, highly piano polished, with automatic lift. Raise the cover gently and up comes the head ready for service. A machine with all the traditions of a fine heirloom, and all the improvements that modern mechanical ingenuity has devised. A ball-bearing Domestic that runs as silently and as beautifully as a high-class automobile. Complete with all attachments, \$1 Hem-stitcher included with this machine.



The \$50 "Domestic" Cabinet Machine At \$35

The design and finish of this machine lifts it into the realm of fine furniture, more like an artistic music cabinet than a sewing machine. Yet it possesses all the essential service qualities of the Domestic. Ball-bearing throughout, with all the latest attachments and improvements. \$1.00 Hem-stitcher included with this machine.

A very exceptional attraction.



Terms--\$1 Down and \$1 a Week

Any machine in this sale is yours to use at once on only a one-dollar payment. For only one dollar you place in your home the genuine "Domestic" or the reliable "Grant" machine—balance \$1 weekly. Not only the lowest prices on these machines, but the most favorable terms, and there is no better machine than the Domestic.

NOTICE

A liberal allowance will be made for old machines when buying a new one. We also have needles, supplies and repair parts for all makes of Sewing Machines.

What the Buyer of Women's Shoes Has Contributed to This Wonderful Sale



A sale that will prove the sensation of the season. Values truly unapproached.

Two Astounding Lots of Women's Street Boots & Low Shoes

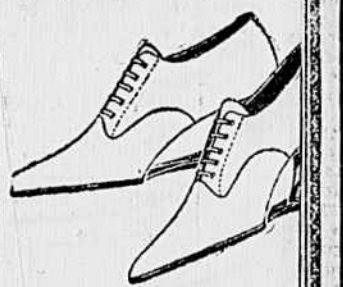
Determined to be with the leader in value-giving, our Shoe Buyer went in quest of bargains for this sale that would arrest the attention of all women anxious to participate in the season's latest styles, with the attendant advantage of knowing that these same Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps are now offered at prices actually less than the cost of making.

Many High-Grade Samples Included

THE FIRST LOT comprises distinctive styles in Women's New Pumps and Oxfords, distinguished by wide variety in White Kid, Gray Suede, Tan and the most favored combinations. Many range in value up to as much as \$8.00. \$3.75

THE SECOND LOT consists of Women's newest Lace Boots in Fine White Kid, Champagne Kid Brown Ooze, Field Mouse, Gray Kid and New York's most favored combinations. Easy to find values in the lot to \$10.00. Choice \$4.75

The Best of this Footwear Will Go to Early Buyers



OTHER special items in Street Boots and Low Shoes, not advertised, make it decidedly to your advantage to profit by tomorrow's values.